

# STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

## Agenda Consideration

**TOPIC:** Before-School and After-School  
Child Care

**ITEM NO.:** 10C

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**MEETING:** March 28, 2006  
**INFORMATION ONLY:** No action will  
be requested.

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**ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:** That the School Board receive, for information only, an update on the Before-School and After-School Child Care program.

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### KEY POINTS:

- At its February 28, 2006 meeting, the School Board approved Item 9B, the negotiation of a contract with the Rappahannock Area YMCA to provide Before-School and After-School Child Care.
- The Board asked for clarification on two aspects of the YMCA fee structure regarding charges to SCPS employees. SCPS employees who are members of the YMCA would pay the member rate of \$50.00 per week with no further discount. All SCPS employees, regardless of capacity, would receive the discounted "member" rate of \$60.00 per week.
- The child care committee met for its second meeting on March 20, 2006. Additional attendees included Elizabeth Clark and Henk de Jager from the YMCA and Valerie Cottongim, Coordinator of Public Information for SCPS.
- The responsibilities for the program's designated coordinator while acting as liaison between SCPS and the YMCA are being finalized. A list of possible responsibilities was generated and reviewed by the child care committee members. It has yet to be determined what department will take responsibility for this effort.
- A subcommittee consisting of Donna Kruger, Cari del Fratte, J.R. Raybold, Anne Sharp, and Cindy Sonntag will meet on March 27, 2006 to assimilate the evaluation criteria for the program.
- The YMCA is working with the purchasing department to write the contract. A draft of the contract was distributed to the committee members. Any changes and/or suggestions will be forwarded to purchasing by March 27, 2006. Upon completion, the contract will be reviewed by the Executive Director of Legal and Administrative Services, as well as legal counsel, if necessary.

- The YMCA has prepared a packet of information including its mission statement for the program. This packet includes a timeline by task to ensure the project remains on schedule.
- The YMCA is working with the County of Stafford to obtain special use permits. It is also working to obtain the required licensing for the five participating schools.
- The YMCA has scheduled site visits at each of the five schools to meet with the principals, determine spacing needs/requirements, and discuss concerns at the individual sites.
- The before-school and after-school child care program will be promoted as a business partnership between SCPS and the YMCA. Any information provided to the community at large via the schools through newsletters or flyers will be reviewed and approved by the Office of Public Information.
- Monthly updates will be provided to the School Board.

**SCHOOL BOARD GOAL #3:** Encourage parents and the community to increase their interest and involvement in schools, Measurable Objective 3.5 - Implement before and after school, school aged child care. (Source of Measurement--Pilot Evaluation; Group of Department Responsible for Reporting Results--Finance/Support Services; Date/Time of year (approximate) when results will be reported--September, 2006).

**SCHOOL BOARD GOAL #6:** Introduce programs to enhance employee status, within the school division and the community at large, so that employees are aware of their value to school and community, Measurable Objective 6.4 – Implement before and after school, school aged child care. (Source of Measurement--Pilot Evaluation; Group of Department Responsible for Reporting Results--Finance/Support Services; Date/Time of year (approximate) when results will be reported--September, 2006).

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**AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE:**

1. School Board Meeting Agenda Item 10A, October 26, 2004 Meeting, Topic: Day Care Facilities
2. School Board's ByLaws, Policies, and Regulations - Policy 4-32: Competitive Negotiations/Competitive Sealed Bidding/Awards